

Ardsley A lift Div 3 crown

EAST Ardsley A were crowned **Central Yorkshire League Division Three** champions last Saturday after a 40-run triumph at Scholes A.

Victory took Ardsley A nine points clear of rivals Mirfield Parish Cavaliers A who lost by eight wickets at home to New Farnley A.

Ardsley A decided to bat and after losing their first three wickets all on 44 they dug in to be 149 all out in 44 overs.

Ashley Battye (29) and Julian Smith (14) gave them a solid start while Scott Mullins added 17 valuable runs late on but it was Tom Daniels who played a key role with a top score of 51.

Adam Minnett (3-48) did the early damage for the hosts while Ross Irving then took 5-17 in 9.3 overs to see the visitors slip from 107-4 to 149 all out.

The Scholes reply seemed well set as Andy Spencer (37) and Carter Russon (38) steered them to 73-4 despite Michael Pearson's efforts (3-9 in nine overs with four maidens).

Ardsley then stormed back to claim five wickets for just 13 runs as Mullins and Chris Towell (2-21) wrestled back the initiative and Mullins (5-39) wrapped up victory with Scholes dismissed for 109 in 34 overs.

Russell Clarke was in impressive form with a century as Li-



East Ardsley A's Scott Mullins. (d18071142)

versedge A won by 120 runs at **Hunslet Nelson A**. Clarke shared a 155-run opening stand with Haroon Javed (57) and put on 86 with Ben Tillotson (33) before falling to Oliver Moxon (2-82) having made a superb 125. Liam McAllister added 42 not out as the visitors powered to 307-6.

Joe Belwood (37), Chris Allan (37) and Adam Nicholson (22) gave Nelson a solid start but they lacked a big innings. Jeff Nicholson made 39 and Mark Loughlan 24 not out as they hung on to be 187-9. Shoi-

ab Hashmi ended with 3-28 while James Austin (3-45) and Clarke (2-22) also struck.

Despite the impressive win Liversedge A slipped to the foot of the table on net runs per wickets ratio after the other relegated side **Gildersome A** won by 41 runs at Northowram A. Gildersome A made 248 all out before the hosts were dismissed for 207.

Batley powered to promotion in Division One with a 218-run home win over relegated Ossëtt.

They lead by two points from Carlton, who had a blank date last weekend, and by six from third-placed Moorlands who need to win at home to Batley on Saturday and hope Carlton slip up at home to Wakefield Thornes A.

Moorlands maintained their promotion hopes with an 89-run success at East Ardsley. Michael Rounding (54), Andrew Fortis (50) and Alan Sumner (36) set Moorlands on course for a challenging 229-7. Mark Heald claimed 4-45.

Ardsley made a confident start led by Richard Jennings (24) and Gary Jennings (33) before Andrew Walker and Muhammad Hafeez saw the visitors regain control.

Ardsley slipped from 72-1 to 99-6 as Hafeez claimed 4-36 and Walker 4-30. Daniel Walker made a defiant 20 not out for the hosts but with Nadim Hussain (2-22) wrapping things up Ardsley were 139 all out in the 39th over.